

II Corinthians 4:1-6
“We Have This Ministry...”



“... he who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only.”

‘an old writer’ quoted by C.S. Lewis



Some descriptors
of our Lord
and His kingdom...



- abundant life - every spiritual blessing
- chosen - favor freely given - peace
- the riches of favor - abundant kindness
- loved- joy - surpassing greatness
- redemption- forgiveness - power
- made right - rescued - freedom
- heirs of God - filled to all the fullness of God
- All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge



When we forget God’s role we are in jeopardy of – *either...*

- Losing heart
- Applying underhanded practices
- Adulterating the word of God

We proclaim the gospel or our

Lord Jesus Christ!



The gospel... Clear, Factual, Articulate, Coherent

Acts 9:20-22

“Paul immediately began proclaiming Jesus ... increasing in strength and confounding the Jews... by proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.”

Acts 17:2, 17; 18:4, 19; 19:8-9

Paul – reasoned with them, or was reasoning and persuading them...



I Corinthians 9:19-22

All things to all men that I may win some...



“The primary focus of the church *gathered* is edification... spiritual gifts, the ministry of the Word... believers assemble to build one another *up*. Evangelism takes place in churches, but the bulk of evangelism should take place in the context of the church *scattered* (workplaces, neighborhoods, friendships)...

Kenneth Boa - *Conformed to His Image*



Not all are... Ephesians 4:11-12

And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

But all are...

- Salt and light: Matthew 5:13-16
- Have works prepared for us to do: Ephesians 2:10
- To make the most of opportunities: Colossians 4:5-6
- Called to share the hope with in us I Peter 3:15-16



Making a place in your life for non-Christian neighbors demands effort, thought, and at times risk. Bridges are harder to build than walls. But that doesn't alter this reality: Outsiders to faith are first drawn to Christians and then to Christ.

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Sober and Determined

Light hearted and Confident



-Freedom from the fear of men / Galatians 1:10

-He loved me and delivered himself up for me / Galatians 3:20